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CLAIMS

1. A composition which stimulates thermogenesis, for oral administration, comprising capsaicinoids in combination with a formulation base which is acceptable for oral administration, characterized in that:
 - a) said formulation base comprises a vegetable and/or mineral oil and a lipophilic additive which is solid or pasty at room temperature, the lipophilic additive which is solid or pasty at room temperature amounting to 5 to 20% by weight, preferably 8 to 15% by weight, of the composition, and
 - b) the composition has no irritating effect on the gastric mucosa.
2. A composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lipophilic additive is selected from among waxes, fatty acid mono-, di- or triglycerides, fatty acids and polyethylene glycols and the fatty acid polyethylene glycol esters, as well as their mixtures.
3. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 2, characterized in that the lipophilic additive is a mixture of beeswax and glycerol palmitostearate.
4. A composition as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the weight ratio between the beeswax and the glycerol palmitostearate is approximately 1.
5. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the capsaicinoids are present in the composition in the form of capsicum resin.
6. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5,

characterized in that the capsaicinoids represent 0.02 to 5% by weight, preferably 0.1 to 2% by weight, of the composition.

7. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the vegetable oil is selected from among soya oil, sunflower oil, corn oil, olive oil or nut oil and the mineral oil is a liquid paraffin.
8. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that it comprises furthermore one or more physiologically active components other than the capsaicinoids.
9. A composition as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the other physiologically active component(s) amount to 10 to 30% by weight of the composition.
10. A composition as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that at least one among the other physiologically active components is a plant or a plant extract selected from among green tea, the alga *Ascophyllum nodosum*, mate tea, guarana, ephedra or citrus aurantium, as well as their mixtures.
11. A composition as claimed in any of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that at least one among the other physiologically active components is a sunflower oil which is high in conjugated linoleic acid.
12. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that it is presented in a form which is solid or pasty at room temperature.
13. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12,

characterized in that it is in the form of soft or hard capsules.